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SUBJECT: MEAT INSPECTION: DISCUSSIONS REGARDING US PLANTS  
MEETING GERMAN VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS

1. ON MARCH 27, 1973, DR. HYMAN STEINMETZ, APHIS, MET WITH DR. RASCHKE, GERMAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION FOREIGN PROGRAMS OFFICER, TO DISCUSS GERMAN SANITARY REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO US EXPORT PLANTS, AND RELATED PROBLEMS. RASCHKE STATED THAT THE MINISTRY HAS REPEATEDLY, OVER THE YEARS, URGED APHIS TO SUBMIT A NEW REVISED LIST OF US PLANTS CERTIFIED TO MEET GERMAN REQUIREMENTS, AS A CONDITION FOR EXPORT TO GERMANY. HE ALSO URGED A TIME TABLE FOR SUBMITTING THIS LIST.

2. DR. STEINMETZ OUTLINED THE APHIS APPROACH TO THE FRG REQUESTS AS FOLLOWS: MIP BULLETIN 222 WAS SENT TO ALL US FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS IN EARLY MARCH. THE PLANTS WERE ASKED TO RESPOND BY APRIL 1. REPLIES WILL BE REVIEWED IN APHIS BY THE LATTER PART OF APRIL. APHIS THEN WILL ISSUE A FORM OF " ESTABLISHMENT APPLICATION FOR EXPORT OF MEAT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY" TO PLANTS THAT EXPRESS THE WISH TO COMPLY WITH GERMAN REQUIREMENTS. AT THE SAME TIME, A LIST OF INTERESTED PLANTS WILL BE SENT TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. APHIS INSPECTORS WILL DISCUSS NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT OF THESE FIRMS AND

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INSPECT FOR COMPLIANCE BEFORE US CERTIFICATION TO GERMANY.

3. RASCHKE INDICATED THAT, WHEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH RECEIVES THE LISTING OF INTERESTED US PLANTS, PRODUCT FROM ALL OTHER PLANTS WILL NO LONGER BE ELIGIBLE FOR IMPORTATION INTO GERMANY, HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT A PRECISE CUTOFF DATE FOR THE DELISTED PLANTS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE GERMAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND COMMUNICATED TO APHIS AFTER HE HAD DISCUSSED THE FURTHER APPROACH BY THE MINISTRY WITH HIS SUPERIORS AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

4. RASCHKE, WHILE ACCEPTING THE INTERIM SOLUTION OF A LIST OF INTERESTED PLANTS, URGED THAT A LIST OF PLANTS ACTUALLY COMPLYING BE SUBMITTED SOON. STEINMETZ STATED THAT SOME TIME IS NEEDED FOR ADJUSTMENT AND INSPECTION SINCE APHIS WANTS TO CONSCIENTIOUSLY SUPERVISE THAT THE GERMAN REQUIREMENTS ACTUALLY WILL BE CARRIED OUT. HOWEVER, THE LIST OF CERTIFIED PLANTS WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HILLENBRAND

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